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The weather to-day in New York and its vicinity (including points within thirty miles of the city) promises to be generally fair and colder, temperature falling slightly below the freezing To-morrow it promises to be slightly colder and fair, followed by a slight rise of temperature.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Parliament reassembled and Mr. Parnell gave no tice that he should call attention to the administration of the Crimes act in Ireland. A Cabinet crisis exists in Brazil. The entire Min-

Constant is dead. Stocks were very dull, except for Chicago Gas, which was driven down nearly 4 per cent. The Bank of England reduced its discount rate to 35,

istry have resigned, and Minister of War Benjamin

Count Szirmay, a distinguished Austro-Hungarian nobleman, has been searching for years for his daughter, Countess Virginie, stolen from him by his discarded mistress, Marie Polska. The girl

she is known as "Hungry Jinny," her ruin com-The committee to investigate the Adirondacks scandal is organized for work.

Hamilton, is snot the widow of Robert Ray

William C. Duncan, employed by a jewelry firm in Maiden lane, has disappeared with \$30,000 worth of diamonds, the property of his employer,

The two young women arrested in Washington at the instance of young Frank Ehret for leaving town with \$3,000 worth of jewelry and dresses were discharged. The Rapid Transit Commissioners gave another

hearing to engineers and others with schemes for solving the rapid transit problem. Through the rulings of the Vice President the republicans in the Senate forced the consideration

of the closure rule, on which the debate began. In the House Speaker Reed lectured the bad democrats for their conduct, and they peaceably refrained from further filibustering. Federation of a number of the leading organiza-

tions of labor in the country was practically agreed upon at Washington. Mighty efforts are being made by the "L" interest to put switches of its own in the way of the promised rapid transit for New York city.

"Old Hutch" has been forced by recent losses to abandon his position as Chicago's speculating After robbing the Rio Grande express train of

\$20,000 Mexican bandits imprisoned the train officials in box cars and set fire to them. NEVER PRINT a paid advertisement as news matter. Let every advertisement appear as an advertisement-no sailing under false

colors - Charles A. Dana's Address to the Wisconsin Editorial Association, Milioaukee, July 24, 1888. A STORY Is TOLD of an advertiser who prean offer for a half column advertisement

sented himself at the New York Herald counter with a three thousand dollar roll as with a good sized out accompanying it. The "ad." was refused without even consulting Mr. Howland. There is a standing rule in the Hebald office to never insert advertising cuts. - Exchange.

THE EXPENDITURES FOR PENSIONS for the year ending June 30, as now officially stated, amounted to \$109,357,534. In the previous year we paid \$87,644,779 11, while in the year before that we paid \$30,288,508 77. The cost of the German army, it may be interesting to note, is for this year estimated at \$91,726,293. Besides our pensions our sts \$30,000,000.

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Canadian Meddling.

One of the wisest, most far seeing and successful of the illustrious men who as Secretaries of State have conducted the foreign affairs of our country has said that unless the British government shall speedily put a stiff curb bit on Canada she will soon or late bring on an armed collision between the two powerful governments of the English speaking race. If the Canadian Dominion were an inde-

pendent government as is Mexico the United States would, long ago, have brought Canada to see that her doings must come to an end if she wished to be considered a respectable member of the family of nations. As it is, Canada goes on like a spoiled cub of a schoolboy, relying on the protection of the big brother across the sea and the prevailing wish in the United States to get along in peace and harmony with the people of the United Kingdom. The greed and selfishness of Canadathe practices rather more sharp than honest-were at the bottom of the rupture in 1866 of the Marcy-Elgin reciprocity treaty of 1854; prevented such an arrangement of the Canadian fishery dispute by Bayard and Chamberlain as our Senate would tolerate, and compelled Lord Salisbury to retreat from the cordial commitments he had given to our Minister at London in favor of Bayard's new mare clausum plan for fur seals in Behring Sea.

doing a useful thing for his country and say- statement in the HERALD of the length of ing a stinging thing to Lord Salisbury when, in the note of May 29, 1890, he twitted the pear and the true time of solar rotation. British Minister of Foreign Affairs with rehas been found in an east side dance hall, where versing his own engine in face of dictation by the Canadian Privy Council and its M.n. take on the average, according to Proister of Marine. But, in fact, nothing could fessor Young, twenty-seven and a quarter please the tory government so much as the days in passing around the sun and return-

long as Mr. Blaine was scolding Lord Salisbury as he did in the May note.

Elsewhere in the HERALD to-day we give a clear and thorough exposition of the nature of the proceeding recently begun in the Su- ing Sea controversy is made in another colpreme Court at Washington in the case of the Sayward. It presents another illustration of the rather conceited and astounding bumptiousness of the colony which is our northern neighbor. It was not at all necessary, as it seems to us, for the Canadian Attorney General to intervene by his "suggestion," which only duplicates the "petition" by the owner and claimant of the Sayward. It is that unnecessary intervention which created the first prejudice in this country against the "petition" by the owner and claimant as a sharp trick. But probably the opportunity, for display was one that the officials at Ottawa could not resist, and especially the opportunity for representing Canada in our Supreme Court with the British Foreign Office following submissively at its beels.

The criticism, however, of the proceeding in the Supreme Court, which is that Canada thus displays itself, is superficial, and we are quite confident will not prejudice the merits of the petition by the owner and claimant of the Sayward, nor add to his difficulties in getting safely past the pitfalls surrounding the obtaining of so technical and unusual a writ as that asked for.

What our countrymen really wish-excepting, perhaps, a few partisans in Congress, republicans and democrats, who wish to see Mr. Blaine cut his own throat and think he will cut it if neither Congress nor the Supreme Court puts order into the prevailing disorder-is a consideration by the Court of the Behring Sea controversy and the best judgment of the Court on the merits of the dispute.

As affairs will be next season in Behring Sea between Canada and the powerful company leasing our Pribyloff Islands, an indiscreet or hot headed commander of a British cruiser or an American revenue cutter may fire a hostile gun, letting loose popular passions now smouldering on the Pacific coast and elsewhere that neither the American Congress nor the British Parliament can control short of war.

Have the Minority Any Rights Which the Majority Are Bound to Respect?

What are the rights of the minority in the Senate now so ably led by Gorman, of Maryland? That is the question of the hour.

Are the majority justified in closing debate simply because being a majority they have the power to do so?

Let us look at the matter squarely and fairly and without a tinge of partisanship. First-A well handled minority is one of the most important elements of a deliberative body. Its business is to discover the blunders made by the majority and to expose them by statement, argument and ridi-

Second-When the majority are unopposed they are apt to use legislation for purely party purposes, and under such circumstances there is nothing on earth more tyrannous or more harmful to the country. A majority bent on passing laws for the benefit of the party they represent, without regard to the welfare of the people as a whole, constitute a national peril which mercial Cable despatch, and gave notice should be very jealously watched.

right, just as likely to be patriotic represent the sober second thought of the community as a majority.

Fourth-If a minority honestly believe that the majority are in the wrong and that their action will be injurious to the general welfare they are bound to block the way to a final vote by every honorable means known to Parliamentary tactics.

Apply these facts to the debate now going on in the Senate.

The republicans, a majority, desire to pass a Force bill, the sole purpose of which is to perpetuate the party in power. If the bill becomes a law it will create an evil a thousand times greater than the one it proposes to remedy. It will be injurious in the exact proportion in which it is enforced. If it is to be a dead letter, why pass it? If it is to be rigidly carried out, the horrors of reconstruction days will be duplicated. A race war will be imminent. It will estop the progress which the South has been making since the rebellion and render the investment of capital in any Southern State an extremely dangerous experiment.

The minority, therefore, resist its passage. If their opposition is not trivial or factious, but is based on the rules which govern the Senate, they are quite right to cause delay by every means within reach. If they are more skilful in the use of tactics than the majority, so much the worse for the majority. The best player wins the game, that's all,

But the majority in the present instance find that it isn't enough to be a majority. The minority are too strong for them and they therefore resort to the cloture. That is to say, they will cut off debate, gag the opposition, refuse to recognize them when they take the floor, and push the question to a vote by the brute force of superior numbers.

That is the present condition of affairs, and we repeat that there is nothing more harmful to the country than a majority which legislate for the benefit of their party, without reference to the good of the whole, and, in order to insure success, make free speech an impossibility.

If WE WANTED to write a eulogy on Senator Hoar we should want a series of dashes a yard long to begin with.

Period of Solar Rotation.

A correspondent in Denver, whose letter we print to-day, asks us to explain the dis-Mr. Blaine seems to have faucied he was crepancy between Dr. Veeder's recent time it takes a sunspot to appear and reap-

The sun turns around on its axis in about twenty-five and a quarter days. But spots In the Hamilton will case Surrogate Ransom has cffort by Mr. Blaine to convince the British ing to the same position again. The differ-

decided that the contestant, who calls herself Eva | colonies that he stood steadfastly by them | ence in time is owing to the fact that in the | A. Biescker Banks, of Albany, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal James Tanner, of Washington, is at the | Corporal one and all. Lord Rosebery could not make | interval of the sun's revolution the earth admuch headway against Lord Salisbury vances considerably in its orbit, so that among the English and Scotch constituen- at each revolution the sun must turn further cies on the issue of "imperial federation" so on its axis to bring the spot into conjunction with the earth.

> Practical Views on the Seal Question. An interesting contribution to the Behrumn by Mr. D. O. Mills, president of the North American Commercial Company, which holds from our government the exclusive right of taking seals in those waters.

Mr. Mills very naturally believes that the United States had the authority to convey the full rights which his company has acquired by lease. At the same time he thinks that since the claim has been disputed it may be wisely and safely left to arbitration.

The practical solution of the difficulty is the protection of the female seal. The male, "quick and observant," is able to take care of himself. It is the females that are the helpless victims of the poachers. Protect them by arbitration, international agreement or otherwise and the industry is safe. A significant fact pointed out by Mr. Mills

is that three-fourths of the unlawful poaching is done by American and only onefourth by foreign sealers. Hence the contention made by England is more in the interest of American than Canadian poach-

The attitude of the United States is not less curious. For while the government has made a great bluster over a few Canadian sealers it has failed to check poaching by a far greater number of its own vessels.

We commend Mr. Mills' views to the coreful consideration of the authorities at Washington.

Defeating the Death Penalty.

Senator O'Connor's resolution calling on New York's Representatives in Congress to move for the amendment of the law of habeas corpus is timely and merits attention at Washington.

It is safe to assert that until that law is amended there will not be an electrical execution in this State. The statute may be rendered a dead letter by the simple edict of the Westinghouse Electric Light Company, and, judging from the past, that concern is not likely to withhold its edict. It has only to hire a lawyer to apply for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of any murderer sentenced to death.

By this proceeding executions may be staved as fast as sentences are pronounced. Execution of the Japanese murderer Jugigo has already been twice put off in this way and may be put off a third or a fourth time.

Such an unwarranted interference with the administration of justice in a State should not be possible. It puts the power of a condemned felon and the power of an unscrupulous attorney above the majesty of the law. Correction of the abuse is an imperative duty of Congress.

On Time.

We have heard a good deal lately about the retirement of Mr. Parnell. It has been nicely arranged a dozen times by those who knew nothing about the matter. Confident assertions that he had surrendered to O'Brien and was engaged in choosing his successor before effacing himself have been whistling through the air for a fortnight.

All the same he took his seat in the Commons yesterday, as announced in our Comof his purpose to call attention to the Third-The minority are just as apt to be | working of the Crimes act in Ireland. For a nan who is supposed to be in the background he seems to be remarkably prominent in the foreground.

It is said of St. Augustine that in his youth he prayed fervently, "O Lord, make me good, but-not quite yet." So Parnell says to his party, "I am going to retire, but-not quite yet."

IT SEEMS TO BE IMPOSSIBLE at times to

keep a quorum of the Senate. Why not pass Quay's Bayonet bill to remedy that evil? A regiment of soldiers, with well filled cartridge boxes, and a gunboat or two at anchor in the Potomac might scare the missing members into doing their duty.

Now That Governor Hill is Senator the Herald might retaliate upon him for not taking its advice by nominating Mr. Dana for President.—Jersey City

Well, we would to Heaven Mr. Dana were President, instead of the gentleman who has been growing smaller until at last he has become invisible.

THERE SEEMS to be some surprise that natural gas has been found in Chicago.

We knew it was there long ago-indeed, ever since the people of that city began to talk about their World's Fair,

Mr. Beattie has been hard at work on our streets lately. As a consequence there were spots on Broadway yesterday where the mu.l. was only ankle deen.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE HERALD WEATHER FORECASTS.-The severe south-

ern storm, which moved northeast yesterday, is now in the Canadian maritime provinces. It will be followed in this section by a moderate fall of temperature to-day. Temperature fell slightly the United States yesterday. The chief minimum reported was 8 degrees Fahr., at Moorhead, Minn.; the chief maximum 66 degrees, at Key West. In this city and suburban districts to-day, fair, colder weather and brisk to fresh westerly winds will probably prevail. In the Middle States to-day, colder, fair weather, and brisk to fresh westerly and northwesterly winds will prevail, temporature falling slightly below the freezing point except in the southern part of the seaboard, and in New England partly cloudy to fair, colder weather and brisk westerly winds, preceded by snow or rain in the northportions. On Saturday in this city and section and in New England fair, slightly colder weather and fresh westerly to northerly winds will probably prevail, followed by a rise of temperature, a d on Sunday, warmer, fair to partly cloudy weather, followed by snow or rain in this section, with the advance of a depression now

propose to her she stops me."

M. Andrew D. White, of Cornell University, and Mr. Henry W. Oliver, of Pittsburg, are at the Fifth Avenus Hotel. Ex-Governor Job A. Ccoper, of Colorado, is at the Murray Hill. Attorney General Theodore F. Lavidson, of North Caroline, is at the Victoria. Ex-Congressman William C. Maybury, of Detroit, is at the Windsor. Attorney General David K. Watson, of Ohio, and Mr. Bluford Wilson, of Illinois, are at the Glisey. Mr.

Grand Union.

A HARD GAME TO BEAT. He had bet in Saratoga dens And semetimes won a pile; He'd often backed the winning horse In most effective style.

But one fine day he wandered down To shady Chatham square And ran against a fakir, who, With manner debonnaire,

Was shifting three small shells about And asking "jays" to bet. This better shrewd stepped in the soup, And-well, his feet got wet. THE MARRIED MAN SINGS.

'Mid pleasures and palaces often I roam, But when I would grumble there's no place like home. A DAILY HINT FROM PARIS.

[From the European Edition of the Herald.]



AN EFFECTIVE SKATING COSTUME.

This is a very pretty skating costume. The hat and the costume, with its cape, are of gray velvet muff is of white swansdown to match. ONLY HAPPENS IN NEW YORK. De Jenks-Is my dear friend Brown in?

De Jenks-is he liable to be in to-day? Butler-No. sir. De Jonks-He isn't sick, is he?

Butler-We hope not, sir. De Jenks-What is all this mystery concerning his whereabouts?

Butler-When you solve that you may see himif you live rightly. Mr. Brown died six months WHY THE BELT FITZ-SIMMONS. You may think and talk as you will; The Australian's praises may sing;

But I'll wager that Dempsey was whipped Because he had Fitz in the ring. OUT OF SIGHT. Chorus of Boston Girls-Tell us all about your new frocks, Pallas!

Pallas (with dignity)-All I can say of them, young ladies, can be adequately expressed in a few words. They are beyond the range of vision! A STANDARD.

"His wit can be measured by the perfume of the

daisy." "But the daisy hasn't any." "Exactly so." Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Stanley returned to the city yesterday and are the Everett House.

ANGELICE, All in her tailor gowne of gray Comes Angelice adown the streets, And oh! she smiles in such a way I feel my heart throb fast and sweete; But sudden all my senses chill And all my pleasant musings cease.

For I must pay that tailor's bill, Because I'm wed to Angeliee! or Don Prudencio Lezcat Minister at Washington, and Schor Don Manual J. Vega, Secretary of the Chilean Legation, are at the Clarendon Hotel.

DIDN'T LIKE PERSONALITIES. A recitationist who was engaged to entertain the company at a party given by a wealthy Hebrew be gan one of his selections like this, "Upon the sheany aurface of the lake ---

When he recites again it will be with the assistance of a wooden arm, a pair of crutches and a new set of teath.

THE AIRS WERE NUMEROUS. 'How did you enjoy the opera last night?" asked

"Now the job wil," replied Passifer. "The people in the next box prevented me from hearing anything."
"They talked, did they?"
"No, but they put on more airs than the orchestra played."—Chicago Inter-Ocean. Here's to the maiden of "bashful sixteen,"
Whom I've often heard of, but never have
seen.

THE MUENCHENER RETURN.

The Muonchener returned to the Amberg Theatre last night after a successful Western tour. The play in which they made their reappearance was "Der Prozesshans'l." Frau Schönchen had

another triumph in the part of Die Boten-List. Herr Amand holbe repeated his fine rendering of Andreas Lahndorfer, and the other rôles were filled by the original interpreters. A crowded house applauded the performance. AIDING MINSTREL WHITE'S WIDOW.

A capital programme was given for the benefit of the widow of the old time minstrel, Charley White, at Harrigan's Theatre yesterday afternoon. The audience, however, was not as large as it should have been, and the receipts amounted to a little less than \$790. The performance began with the third scene of the second act of "Reilly and the \$400." Harry Kerneli, John and James Russell, the three Carrons, Musical Dale and the Roger Brothers appeared in their specialties. The real hits among the specialty people were made by Miss Rose Julian, the contortionist, and Miss Maggie Cline.

A RUNAWAY BRIDE IN JAIL

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.] LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 22, 1891, - Mattle Netterer, a four months' bride, some time ago deserted her husband and joined the Wilbur Opera Compan Netterer had her arrested last night, and when Ma ager Wilbur objected he threatened to kill his The girl is in jall.

AN ACTRESS DROPS DEAD.

CLEVELAND, Ohlo, Jan. 22, 1891.-Miss Georgia Mortimer, twenty-five years old, a member of the "Night Owl" comyany, which is playing here at one of the city theatres, fell dead at the Striebinger House this morning of heart trouble. Miss Mortimer was in her usual good health at the performance Wednesday night. The remains will be buried nere. The deceased is a sister of Ben Leavitt, this well known theatrical manager of Chicago, and has been with the "Night Owis" company since last September.

Lucy Faverweather, the widow of Daniel B. Fayer Bridgeport, Conn., and Emma S. Fayerweather.
They have retained ex-Surrogate Daniel G. Rollins to look after their interests, and yesterday he flied with Probate Clerk Tinney objections similar lins to look after their interests, and yesterday he hied with Probate clerk linney objections similar to those of Mrs. Fayerweather to the probate of the will and codicis. These two nicess originally consented to the probate of the papers, but they secured leave from Surrogate Ransom to withdraw those consents.

WAS PROFITABLE.

The Record of Last Season Seems to Prove It.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

Testing Brooklyn to See if It Favors a German Opera Scheme.

The satisfaction with which many New Yorkers look forward to the enthronement of Franco-Italian music at the Metropolitan is not unmixed

"It costs too much." "It cannot pay." "Abbey will ruin himself," are among the comments one

And the Wagnerites rejoice at the prospect, while

the lovers of pure music are dejected. "Yes," said Mr. Abbey, smilingly, in reply to a question put him at the opera house, "there's more money to be lost on Italian opera than on most things. But there's money to be made by it,

"I've tried it three times and if I burned my fingers badly in my first venture I won by the two last,

though not, I admit, so much as I had lost, "The Wagnerites are fond of quoting figures to show that it is hopeless to give French or Italian opera here. But I could quote figures, too. I have not done so yet, because-well, because is had not occurred to me that they were anybody's business but my own. However, if the HERALD likes to publish the results of my last season it is

With that the impressario opened a book, in which he had carefully recorded the receipts of his three Italian seasons, and, turning to the closing pages, bade me read. "We gave one hundred and sixteen operatic per-

formances, as you know, in America, with Patti, Tamagno, Albani and Ravelli as our 'stars.' "These brought in altogether just \$817,777 75, which, taking one thing with another, means an average of over \$7,000 a performance.

HIGH AND LOW WATER.
"The very largest sum drawn here on one night by the German opera was, I believe, \$4,382. was in the 1887-98 season at the Metropolitan, and the work performed on that occasion was 'Die

the work performed on that occasion was 'Die Gostterdimmerung.' The average receipts that year (I have no record of the later seasons by me) were just \$2,894 66.

"Make it \$3,000, for the sake of round numbers, and we shall have about the figures for the past two years of German opera.
"Our own receipts last year in some cities now and then fell short of this—in San Francisco, notably, on certain nights.

"But in New York the very lowest sum we drew (it was at the Albani-Ravelli performance of 'Rigolstto') was \$3,206 75.

"Our average receipts on the occasions when Patti sang were \$10,419.

"On what we will call off nights the average fell to \$4,661. And this sum left us a small profit, while, of course, on Patti nights our gains were handsome.

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"perhaps you would like to take down the exact
figures for each representation?"

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"All right," said the impresario. "Here goes."

And he handed me this statement, which I verified by his book:—

TALLAN OPERA, 1890.

March 24 to April 25.

Patt. Others.

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Making a grand total for New York of \$154,384 00 Mr. Abbey would not say what profits these sums

Total Patti performances ... \$104,190 25

represented.
"I should have to give away the secrets of our salary list to do that," said he.
"You must draw your own inferences. And I don't think they need make one take a very gloomy view of Italian opera." GERMAN OPERA FOR BROOKLYN? "Will Brooklyn have a Wagner theatre?" is the question asked by the Wagnerites across the

They say they must have a temple somewhere wherein they may worship, and now that the Motropolitan Opera House is to be turned over to false French and Italian gods they are bestirring themselves to find a suitable place of their own.

Considerable excitement was created at the Seidl Society concert last evening by the distribution at the door of small hand bills asking the receivers to answer a number of questions respecting the project of giving Wagnerian opera in Brooklyn.

The leading questions were:—"Do you believe in giving the Wagnerian operas in Brooklyn in a theatre engaged exclusively for that purpose?" and "Whore would you prefer to locate the new temple?"

As the Seidl Society was accused of starting the project, I saw the president of the society and also Herr Seidl himself, but both professed utter ignorance of the scheme, if any, and would say but httle about the matter.

That the question is being mooted by the society is evident from the fact that the president incautiously admitted that "their plans would be perfected at their next meeting on Friday." ropolitan Opera House is to be turned over to false

ABOUT FRAU RITTER-GOETZE Mr. Stanton yesterday denied that there had been any trouble between Frau Ritter-Goetze and the management of the Metropolitan. "I cast the operas myself," said Mr. Stanton,

"and I have not yet thought about the distribution or the parts in "Goetterdaemmerung," so you see it is absurd to say that Frau Ritter-Goetze will not sing in that work."

This, however, does not, except by implication, affect the original statement in the Hrhath, which was that Frau Goetze was to be deprived of the part of Brangaene. It remains to be seen whether the popular contraits will appear in "Tristan und Isolde."

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Herr Seidl said last night:—"The reperters at the opera House is so small this year that in order to give all the singers something to do one artist cannot have all the contraite roles. This explains why Fräulein Huhn is to sing Brangaene.

"There is no ill welling between Frau Goetze and Mr. Stanton," he added.

It will be seen that this statement confirms the Herald story.

SEIDL SOCIETY CONCERT. Another large audience greeted Herr Seldl at the sixth concert given by the Seidl Societ the Brooklyn Academy of Music las in the Frontyn academy of Music lass evening. Many stood throughout the concert. The programme, including Beethoven's C minor Symphony, Liszt's "Mephisto Waltz," and scenes from Wagner's "Siegfried," was interpreted in the usual excellent menner of the Metropolitan orchestra, the love scene in the third ac of "Siegfried," being sung with fine effect by Fran Mielke and Herr Gudehus, of the Metropolitan orchestra the love scene in the third ac "mera House company.

NOTES OF THE STAGE The opening of Mme. Bernhardt's season at th Garden Theatre has again been postponed, this time until Thursday, February 5. Mme. Bernhard and her company are expected to arrive or

Mr. Nat Goodwin has purchased from Mr. Augustus Thomas a one act comedy called "The Outeld Man." The piece will be used as a curtain raise to "The Nominee," which begins an engagemen at the Bijou Theatre next week.

Mr. P. S. Gilmore has made arrangents to begi a season of concerts with his band at the Madiso Square Garden Amphitheatre in May. Mr. Gilmo is to furnish one hundred musicians, together with a number of vocalists and a large chorus.

TO HELP Mas. FAYERWEATHER. this section, was forming in Texas. Jim Simpson-Why do you call Cora Bellows a ported in her contest over her husband's will and Jake Jimpson (sadly)-'Cause every time I go to